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Re: Microsoft Anti-trust Comments

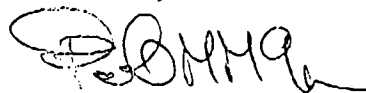
The recent proposed Microsoft settlement is ridiculous in its lack of accountability for Microsoft, in its advantageousness to their court-declared monopoly, and in the minimal nature of the penalty for their illegal behavior. Their "punishment" of giving their software to schools is nothing but a standard marketing expenditure that fortifies their monopoly position.

The entire proposal flies in the face of the very point of the trial, in which they were held to be a monopoly for illegal tactics that were specifically meant to increase their market share, for bundling products to increase market share, and for illegally blocking others' products in order to maintain or increase Microsoft's market share. But now, a good portion of the settlement specifically *increases* their market share of both the OS and their bundled products.

Where in this settlement is there any incentive for Microsoft to change its behavior in the future? The proposed settlement directly harms competition in the computer industry, which competition of course is what the anti-trust laws and the various Attorney Generals whose jobs are to enforce those laws, are there to protect in the first place.

The current settlement proposal does not serve justice. I believe Microsoft's settlement offer should be declined.

Sincerely,



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